ii. Hathras Jn.-Hathras Qilah (10 route kms.).

(b) Railway's Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised.

Legislation for recognition of Trade Unions

831. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any legislation is proposed for the recognition of trade unions through secret ballot system; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time frame for its introduction and implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) and (b) In pursuance of the recommendations of the Indian Labour Conference at its 29th session held in April, 1990, the Trade Union and the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Bill, 1988 which *inter alia* dealt with the question of recognition of trade unions, was withdrawn from Parliament and a bipartite committee under the chairmanship of Shri G. Ramanujam was set up to formulate proposals for a new industrial relations law. It has been decided to place the report of the Ramanujam committee before next session of the Indian Labour Conference and seek its views before finalising the proposals.

Growth in Agriculture sector

832. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of growth in the Agriculture sector in different states/Union Territories during the last three years; and

(b) the long term measures considered by Government for increasing agricultural production, taking into account the population growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) A Statement showing the rate of growth in the agriculture sector (including crop production, animal husbandry and dairy) in major states/UT's during 1985-86 to 1988-89 (latest available) is annexed. (*See* below).

(b) In view of the limited scope for expansion of area under crops in future, it is envisaged that practically all increases in agriculture production would be contributed by increase in the productivity per unit of area. In order to keep the pace in rate of growth of production with the rate of growth of population, it is proposed that the growth in agricultural productivity in the long term would be higher than the rate of growth of population. The measures for increasing the overall agricultural productivity includes expansion in irrigated area, multiple cropping, increase in fertiliser consumption, large coverage of area under high yielding/improved varieties of seeds, plant protection measures, effective extension service for transfer of technology, price and market support etc.

Statement

Gross State Domestic Product of Agriculture Sector at Factor cost (at constant 1980-81 prices)

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1985-86	1988-89(Q)	Annual Growth Rate during 1985-86 to 1988-89
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	384377	444072	4.93
Arunachal Pradesh	5985	7281	6.75
Assam	132044	144468	3.04